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## **ABC Issues 72 Citations through Federal Grant Program**

### ***Program Pays for Officer Overtime to Stakeout Stores and Check on Complaints***

**(Statewide)** - Investigators with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) cited over 70 persons for various alcohol - related violations in several California communities during a two month period covering January and February, 2012. ABC conducted 21 separate operations.

Officers responded to complaints from high school resource officers, administrators and other education leaders who want to help keep schools and neighborhoods located near California high schools as safe as possible for youth.

As a result of enforcement following the complaints, ABC cited 40 minors for violations including minors in possession of alcohol, minors in possession of marijuana, open containers of alcohol and fake identifications. In addition, 11 juveniles (persons under the age of 18) were cited for either open containers of alcohol or possession of marijuana. ABC also cited 21 adults, 19 for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors, one for resisting arrest and one for illegal drugs.

The program is paid for through a \$300,000 grant awarded to ABC through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice, Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP). The grant will last through May, 2013, and allows ABC investigators to stake out stores, parks, and community events where alcohol could potentially get into the hands of minors.

ABC investigators will respond to complaints forwarded to them from educational officials or community resource officers assigned to high schools. The investigators will conduct enforcement operations and cite individuals who break alcohol-related laws such as selling alcohol to minors, furnishing alcohol to minors, minors in possession of alcohol and other offenses that are observed during the operations.

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